



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

HETEROTAXY SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS: Heterotaxy syndrome is a congenital condition that affects the development, placement, and presence of internal organs in the chest and abdomen. The exact cause of heterotaxy syndrome is unknown. However, individuals with heterotaxy syndrome are diagnosed with complex birth defects impacting the heart, lungs, and other organs; and
- WHEREAS: Symptoms of heterotaxy syndrome vary, but may include decreased oxygen levels, breathing difficulties, increased risk of infection, and digestive issues. The condition affects various systems in the body and often requires a team of specialists for effective treatment; and
- WHEREAS: There is a lack of public awareness concerning heterotaxy syndrome, and families often struggle to foster adequate communication between medical providers in different specialties; and
- WHEREAS: Heterotaxy syndrome is life-threatening, particularly during early childhood, and the mortality rate remains high for those afflicted today. Adults with heterotaxy syndrome often find that many in their community are largely unaware of the condition; and
- WHEREAS: Heterotaxy Syndrome Awareness Day provides an opportunity for the families affected by heterotaxy syndrome to celebrate life, remember loved ones lost, and honor the dedicated health professionals who support those affected; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2017, as HETEROTAXY SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 28th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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